IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

) PATENT Ashley J. Birkett cant:) Attorney Docket 09/930,915 Serial No.: ICC-102.2 (4564/81175) August 15, 2001 Filed: IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER For: PARTICLES HAVING ENHANCED Group Art No. STABILITY 1648 Examiner: Michael M. McGaw

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Action mailed on July 26, 2004, for which a Petition for an Extension of Time and its required fee are enclosed, please amend the application as follows.